GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:189
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RAJIV GANDHI SHILPI SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana for the benefits of artisans and their families;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the number of persons benefited under the Yojana since its inception,year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the pre-existing disease, maternity benefits, accidents and other medical benefits are proposed to be covered under the Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.Under the Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana scheme,all craft persons whether male or female, upto the age of 80 years are eligible to be covered under the scheme which provides for a medical cover of Rs.15000/- including cashless facility & OPD etc, to an artisanal family of four comprising self, and any other three members of the family from amongst the dependent parents, spouse, and children. Out of the total annual premium of Rs.800 plus service tax, the Government of India contributes Rs.650/- plus service tax for General Category artisans and Rs.725/- plus service tax in case of artisans belonging to SC/ST/BPL & NER. The general category artisan contributes Rs.150/- and those belonging to SC/ST/BPL & NER contribute Rs.75/- towards the annual premium. Besides, the insured artisan is given an insurance cover of Rs.1.00 lakh for accidental death/ permanent disability. Year-wise and State-wise details of artisanal families covered is at Annexure 'A'

(c) & (d): Yes,Sir.The pre-existing disease, maternity benefits accident and other medical benefits are already covered in the existing scheme. The details are given at Annexure 'B'.